

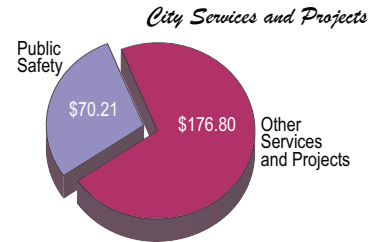


City of Las Vegas

Public Safety

**Making Sense
of YOUR
Dollars and
Cents**

Of the \$247.00 the City collects in taxes and fees per household per month, \$70.21 is spent on fire, police and other public safety measures.*



US Census Bureau 2002 data



What can you get for \$70.21?

One of the items below:

One pair of brand name sneakers.

One month of premium cable TV service including selected movie channels.

One round of golf.

OR

Did you know?

For the largest city in each state:*

- Las Vegas had a lower overall tax burden than all but three cities.
- Las Vegas had a lower property tax payment than 28 of the other cities.
- Las Vegas had a lower sales tax rate than 35 of the other cities.

Source: Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Finance and Revenue.

* For a family of four with a \$50,000 household income

All of the items below and more:

Fifteen fire stations and 522 firefighters and paramedics located throughout the City providing 24 hour fire and emergency medical service (EMS) response within six minutes.

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Seven Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department substations, four located within the City limits, with more than 2,000 uniformed officers, providing 24 hour police response within 5 minutes.

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24 hour Animal Control response.

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Low fire insurance rates.



* For purposes of comparison, data is from the 2002 Census of Governments.

City	Households ¹	Public Safety expenditures household/ year ²	Public Safety expenditures household/ month ²	Index crimes/ 1,000 population ²	Fire Services ISO 1 rated ³
Cleveland, OH	189,171	\$ 1,332.13	\$ 111.01	6,900.2	No
Long Beach, CA	164,270	\$ 1,302.73	\$ 108.56	4,034.3	No
Oklahoma City, OK	200,729	\$ 1,036.22	\$ 86.35	9,743.2	No
Ft. Worth, TX	197,387	\$ 937.25	\$ 78.10	8,021.0	No
New Orleans, LA	177,386	\$ 935.81	\$ 77.98	6,418.9	No
Denver, CO	239,394	\$ 923.16	\$ 76.93	5,511.1	No
Nashville, TN	221,756	\$ 883.85	\$ 73.65	8,209.5	No
Portland, OR	223,750	\$ 875.98	\$ 73.00	7,955.7	No
Las Vegas, NV	187,530	\$ 842.53	\$ 70.21	4,924.8	Yes
Tucson, AZ	202,441	\$ 706.38	\$ 58.86	9,692.9	No

Sources: 1. American Community Survey, 2002

2. Year 2002 data from the Statistical Abstract of the United States, 2006

3. Insurance Services Office, 2006

City of Las Vegas Public Safety Facts

- The city of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department is one of only 45 fire departments in the United States (out of 46,220) rated Insurance Services Office 1 (ISO 1), the top rating available.
- A top ISO rating reduces insurance rates to homeowners and businesses and helps determine the cost of deductibles and availability of certain types of insurance.
- The city of Las Vegas has 522 uniformed firefighters or one firefighter for every 1,103 residents.
- During the past five years, five new fire stations have been built.
- The city of Las Vegas Fire and Rescue Department handled 82,030 calls for service in 2005:
 - * Nine calls for service every hour, around the clock.
 - * An average of 8 fire calls and 203 emergency service calls per day.
 - * Fire calls – 5.1 per 1,000 population, EMS call – 129.0 per 1,000 population.
- The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) has 2,030 assigned officers or one for every 661 residents within its jurisdiction.

- Metro has added 284 officers and two new substations during the past five years.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, of the 35 largest cities in the nation, Las Vegas has among the lowest rates for both property and violent crime.
- The city of Las Vegas Detention and Enforcement Department (D&E) is Triple Crown Accredited (Excellence in: Law Enforcement Operations, Corrections Operations and Inmate Health Care), one of only 22 agencies in the Nation to achieve this distinction.
- Animal Control Officers responded to more than 30,000 calls in 2005.

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